

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/815,329

Applicant(s)

INABA ET AL.

Examiner

Brian L. Mutschler

Art Unit

1753

All Participants:

(1) Brian L. Mutschler.

(2) Megan Sunkel.

Status of Application: Amended from Non-Final Rejection

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Date of Interview: 10 June 2004

Time: 10:00am

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

all pending

Prior art documents discussed:

U.S. Pat. No. 6,358,387 (Kopf-Sill et al.)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: A proposed amendment was suggested to place the claims in condition for allowance. To distinguish the instant invention from the prior art of record, such as the apparatus of US '387 that irradiates all capillaries simultaneously, it was suggested that the originally presented limitation wherein "the laser beam propagates successively to adjacent capillaries" be incorporated into the independent claims. This limitation, in combination with the inclined incidence of the laser beam, recites an apparatus that is neither suggested nor taught by the prior art of record. Ms. Sunkel approved the suggested changes, which will be incorporated by Examiner's amendment.